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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON REPORTED DEFECTION OF US SOLDIER

REF: PRAGUE 131, 134

1.DEPARTMENT PREPARED THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE:

Q. THE CZECH MEDIA IS REPORTING THAT A US SOLDIER
HAS DEFECTED TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING
ON THAT?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS AGENCY
REPORTED TODAY THAT A "US ARMY SOLDIER", WILLIAM JOSEPH
BLACK, HAS ASKED THE CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES FOR
PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE CONSULAR
FILES AT OUR EMBASSY IN PRAGUE INDICATE THAT AN
AMERICAN CITIZEN OF THAT NAME WAS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN
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OCTOBER. HE HAD ACCOMPANIED HIS MOTHER, WHO HAD DECIDED
TO RETURN TO HER NATIVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO RESIDE, AND
HE HAD INDICATED AT THE TIME THAT HE WOULD REMAIN
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONLY TEMPORARILY. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION. WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

2. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TOOK QUESTION ON CASE AT NOON

PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 13, AND ANSWER WAS POSTED
FOLLOWING BRIEFING.

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